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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS COMMENTS ON INTERNAL CYPRIOT
DEVELOPMENTS

REF: NICOSIA 0637 (DTG 081440Z MAR 1978)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. REPORTS FROM NICOSIA THAT DEMOCRATIC
RALLY PARTY LEADER CLERIDES HAD WITHDRAWN HIS PARTY'S SUP-
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PORT FROM CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, FOLLOWING THE LATTER'S
CABINET RESHUFFLE, REACHED ATHENS YESTERDAY EVENING (MARCH 9)
AND PROMPTED AN UNUSUAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON INTERNAL CYPRIOT
AFFAIRS BY GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS LATE LAST NIGHT.
LAMENTING THIS SPLIT IN GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL UNITY,
CARAMANLIS STATED: "AS I HAVE REPEATEDLY UNDERLINED,
THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN

THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CYPRUS. HOWEVER, I CANNOT,
BUT REGISTER MY DEEPEST REGRET BECAUSE OF THE RECENT
EVENTS WHICH THREATEN TO DISTURB NATIONAL UNITY WHICH
AT THIS MOMENT IS MORE ESSENTIAL THAN EVER BEFORE."
END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN GOG
POLICY TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF ANY DIRECT
INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNAL CYPRIOT DEVELOPMENTS, WHILE
STRONGLY ENCOURAGING A UNITED FRONT AMONG THE VARIOUS
POLITICAL FACTIONS. THIS SPLIT IN RANKS IS ESPECIALLY
BOTHERSOME TO CARAMANLIS COMING AS IT DOES ON THE EVE
OF HIS SUMMIT MEETING WITH TURKISH PRIME MINISTER
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